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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Proposed drawing changes are shown in red on attached marked up sheets and replacement sheets incorporating such changes are also attached.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet(s)

Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Based on the Examiner's comments, it appears that applicant's preliminary amendment filed February 25, 2002 has <u>not</u> yet been entered. Attention to this detail and correction of the record is respectfully requested.

In response to the drawing objection, two new sheets of drawings are attached together with a marked up copy of these sheets showing the changes so as to include descriptive legends within each box of the Figure or associated with each box of the Figure.

As requested, the specification has been amended so as to insert appropriate headings. Similarly, the Abstract has been amended so as to avoid possible accessible length.

The rejection of claims 9 and 10 is noted but it is also respectfully noted that such claims were already cancelled by applicant's preliminary amendment of February 25, 2002.

The allowance of claims 1-8 is appreciatively noted.

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There being no other outstanding issues, it is now presumed that this entire application is in allowable condition and a formal Notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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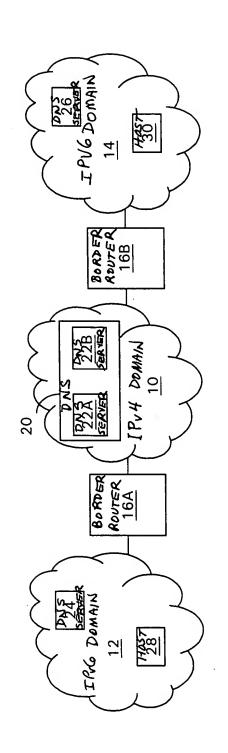


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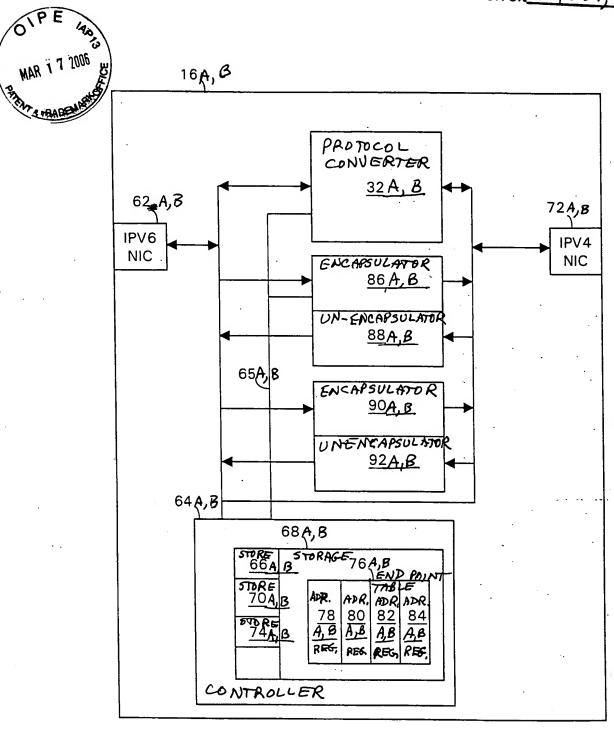


Fig. 2